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SENATE BILL

No. 378

Introduced by Senator Morrow

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An act to amend Section 4467 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 378, as amended, Morrow. Vehicles: license plates.

Existing law provides for the assignment of a specific license number to a motor vehicle, which may be changed only upon application to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), and under certain circumstances. Existing law requires the DMV to provide a new set of license plates to a registered owner of a vehicle who appears in person and submits a completed application and also presents to the DMV the previously issued plates, proof of identity and vehicle ownership, and either evidence of victimization by a domestic abuser or evidence of efforts to get assistance in regard to the domestic abuse, as specified. *These provisions do not apply to special interest license plates.*

This bill would include ~~victims~~ *subjects* of stalkings, as ~~defined~~ *specified*, within the provisions requiring the DMV to provide a new set of license plates to a registered owner of a vehicle who appears in person and submits an application, as described above. ~~The bill would allow~~

~~a verification statement, currently applicable to the accessibility of records of the DMV, as evidence of victimization~~ The bill would also require the applicant to provide certain specified fees regarding the issuance of duplicate license plates.

The bill, in addition to special interest license plates, would provide that the bill's provisions and those of existing law would not apply to special license plates or environmental license plates.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4467 of the Vehicle Code is amended to
2 read:

3 4467. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
4 department shall issue new and different license plates
5 immediately upon request to the registered owner of a vehicle who
6 appears in person and submits a completed application, if all of the
7 following are ~~presented~~ provided:

8 (1) Proof of ownership of the vehicle that is acceptable to the
9 department.

10 (2) A driver's license or identification card containing a picture
11 of the licensee or cardholder issued to the registered owner by the
12 department pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section
13 12500) of Division 6. The department shall conduct a search of its
14 records to verify the authenticity of any document submitted under
15 this paragraph.

16 (3) The previously issued license plates from the vehicle.

17 (4) *The payment of required fees under subdivision (c) of*
18 *Section 4850 and subdivision (b) of Section 9265 for the issuance*
19 *of duplicate license plates.*

20 (5) One of the following:

21 (A) A copy of a police report, *court documentation, or other*
22 *law enforcement documentation* identifying the registered owner
23 of the vehicle as the victim of an incident of domestic violence ~~or~~,
24 *as specified in Section 1708.6 of the Civil Code, or the subject of*
25 *stalking, as specified in Section 1708.7 of the Civil Code or*
26 *Section 646.9 of the Penal Code.*

27 (B) A written acknowledgment, dated within 30 days of
28 submission, on the letterhead of a domestic violence agency, that

1 the registered owner is actively seeking assistance or has sought
2 assistance from that agency within the past year.

3 (C) An active protective order as defined in Section 6218 of the
4 Family Code, or issued pursuant to Section 527.6 or 527.8 of the
5 Code of Civil Procedure, which names the registered owner as a
6 protected party.

7 ~~(D) A verification that complies with the requirements of~~
8 ~~paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 1808.21.~~

9 ~~(b) Subdivision (a) does not apply to special interest license~~
10 ~~plates.~~

11 *(b) Subdivision (a) does not apply to special license plates*
12 *issued under Article 8 (commencing with Section 5000) of Chapter*
13 *1 of Division 3, special interest license plates issued under Article*
14 *8.4 (commencing with Section 5060) of Chapter 1 of Division 3,*
15 *or environmental license plates issued under Article 8.5*
16 *(commencing with Section 5100) of Chapter 1 of Division 3.*

